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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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First Named Inventor:	Barry Byron	
Appln. No.:	10/656,027	Confirmation No.: 8490
Filing Date:	September 4, 2003	Examiner: Deai, Hemant
Title:	<b>Apparatus and Method for Sealing a Bag</b>	Group Art Unit: 3721

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of three (3) months from July 18, 2006 to October 18, 2006 within which to respond to the Final Office Action dated April 18, 2006.

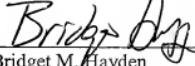
Please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1420 in the amount of \$510.00 for the Three-Month Extension of Time Fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

**Customer Number 25763**

Date: October 17, 2006

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